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Yosemite **National Park**

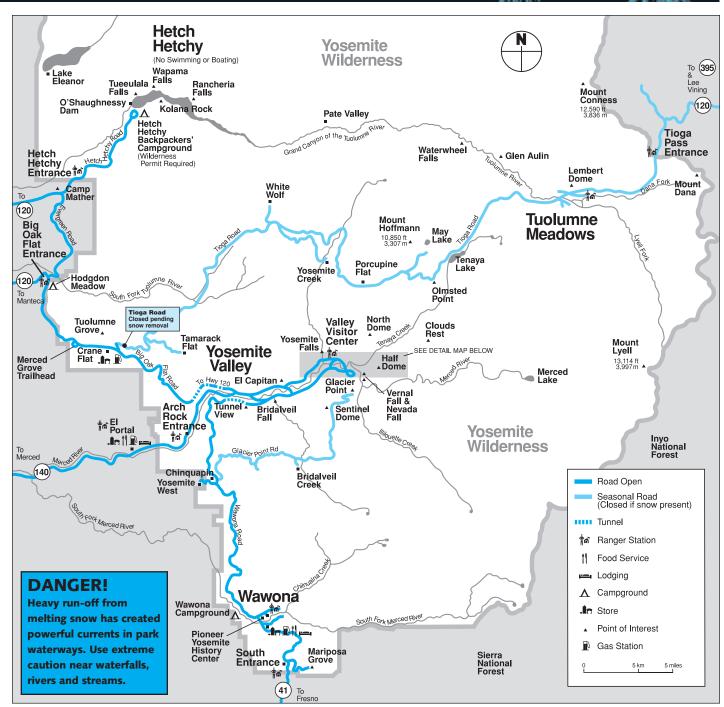
ROAD Construction may cause INFO short delays or detours on some park roads. Call 209/372-0200 for recorded road information.

SPIRIT of Don't miss this SPIRIT of YOSEMITE award-winning film! Shown free of charge every 30 minutes at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Theater. See map below.

Shuttle Bus Route

Shuttle Bus Only Shuttle Bus Stop

YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM



Trailhead Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Map Bike Path Hiking Trail Campground 7 Picnic Area ۲ſ Food Service Lodging Store **Visitor Center** Restroom Located in Yosemite Accessible Parking P& Village. Park and walk + Medical Clinic or take the free shuttle bus. 0 Information Map not to scale Half Dome Village Visitor Center 4 Yosemite Lodge 0 0 The Ahwahnee 1 D^k P& Columbia Point and Upper Vosemite Fall Ŕ Tenaya Creek 0 Ø Trail to 20 20 1 Mirror L À This map is not suitable for hiking. Detailed trail maps (B are available for purchase at **PARK HERE** Village visitor centers and stores throughout the park. From the Valley take Yellow Pine ħ Southside Drive (one way) Just beyond Chapel, turn 11 06 8 left at the stop sign onto Sentinel Drive Nature Center \ at Happy Isles Mist Trail and John Muir Trail to Vernal and Nevada Falls, Half Dom (open when A ■ Drive over bridge; at stop conditions pe sign, turn right PARKING AREA is located on Northside Drive

YARTS bus stops are located in Yosemite Valley at The Ahwahnee, Curry Village, Valley Visitor Center, and Yosemite Lodge at the Falls. For bus schedules to and from the Yosemite area, call 1-877-98-YARTS, or visit YARTS online at www.yarts.com.

Ride the Free Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus

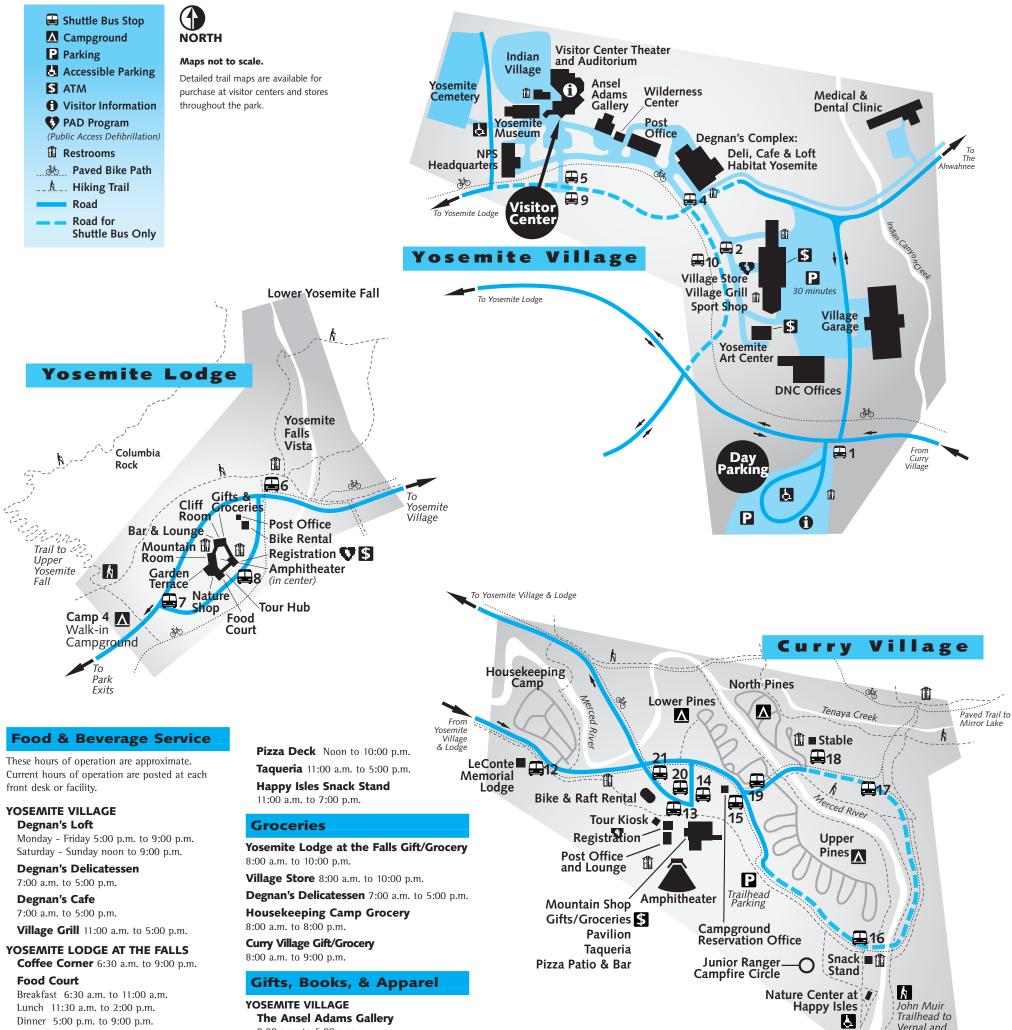
Shuttle buses operate daily every 15-30 minutes, depending on the time of day. Times are posted at each stop. All buses follow the same route, serving stops in numerical order. Shuttle bus service may be affected by construction projects. Check bus stops for more information. &

SCHEDULE 7:00 a.m. -10:00 p.m.

- 1 Yosemite Village / Day Parking
- 2 Yosemite Village
- **3** The Ahwahnee
- 4 Yosemite Village / Degnan's Complex
- **5** Valley Visitor Center
- **6** Lower Yosemite Fall
- 7 Camp 4 / Upper Yosemite Fall Trailhead
- **8** Yosemite Lodge
- **9** Valley Visitor Center
- 10 Yosemite Village
- 11 Sentinel Bridge / Yosemite Chapel
- 12 Housekeeping Camp / LeConte Memorial Lodge
- (3A) Curry Village Rental Center
- (3B) Curry Village Registration Desk
- **14** Curry Village Parking
- **15** Upper Pines Campground
- 16 Happy Isles / John Muir Trailhead
- Mirror Lake Junction
- 18 Stable
- 19 Lower Pines Campground
- 20 Curry Village Parking
- 21 Curry Village Rental Center

WHERE TO GO

Yosemite Village, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls, & Curry Village



Dinner 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mountain Room Lounge

Monday - Friday 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Saturday - Sunday noon to 10:30 p.m.

Mountain Room Restaurant

5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Reservations are recommended. 209/372-1281

Cone Stand at the Pool

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Weather permitting

THE AHWAHNEE

Dining Room

Breakfast 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dinner 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday Brunch 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Appropriate attire is respectfully requested for dinner. Reservations are recommended for dinner and Sunday Brunch. 209/372-1489

The Ahwahnee Bar

11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

CURRY VILLAGE

Guest Lounge 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Coffee Corner 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Curry Village Bar Noon to 10:00 p.m. **Pavillion Buffet**

Breakfast 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Dinner 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Ansel Adams Gallery 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Yosemite Art Center

9:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Yosemite Bookstore**

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Inside Valley Visitor Center

Yosemite Museum Store

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Valley Wilderness Center 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Village Store 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Habitat Yosemite 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sport Shop 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **YOSEMITE LODGE AT THE FALLS** Gift/Grocery

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Nature Shop 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

NATURE CENTER AT HAPPY ISLES 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch)

THE AHWAHNEE

Gift Shop 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. **Sweet Shop** 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

CURRY VILLAGE

Mountain Shop 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Gift/Grocery 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Showers & Laundromat

SHOWERS

Curry Village 24 hours

Housekeeping Camp 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

LAUNDROMAT

Housekeeping Camp 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Recycling

Village Store Recycling Center 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Post Offices

Main Post Office - Yosemite Village

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. to noon

Yosemite Lodge At the Falls Post Office

Monday - Friday 11:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

S ATM

Yosemite Village

South of Village Store (Bank of America) Inside Village Store

Vernal and

Nevada Falls

Yosemite Lodge at the Falls

Inside main registration area

Curry Village

Inside gift/grocery store

Auto Service, Towing, and Repair (AAA)

Village Garage

8:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Towing 24 hours. Propane available until 4:00 p.m. 209/372-8320

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Yosemite Valley

Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

Open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9), the visitor center offers information, maps, books, and exhibits.

& 🖳 TTY FILM

Spirit of Yosemite

This inspiring visitor-orientation film provides a stunning overview of Yosemite's splendor. It is shown every 30 minutes from Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5:30 p.m. in the Valley Visitor Center Theater. 🕫 🕹

Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. 🕹

FEATURES

Museum Gallery Open 10:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the gallery offers a variety of exhibits

June 12 through September 30

Yosemite Gigantea: Mammoth Plate Photographs of the 19th Century

The exhibit includes more than 40 original photographs by Eadward Muybridge, Carleton Watkins, and Charles Weed, photographers who were among the first to record the Yosemite landscape.

Indian Cultural Exhibit

Open 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. (closed for lunch), the exhibit interprets the cultural history of Yosemite's native Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Demonstrations of traditional skills are presented. No food or drink permitted.

Yosemite Museum Store

Open 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m, the store offers traditional American Indian arts and crafts and books on related subjects.

The Indian Village of Ahwahnee

Located behind the Yosemite Museum and open during daylight hours, the village offers exhibits on Ahwahneechee life. &

Yosemite Cemetery

This historic cemetery is located across the street west of the Yosemite Museum. American Indians and others with an important role in the history of Yosemite are buried here. Guide to the Yosemite Cemetery is available at the Valley Visitor Center.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center and open daily from 9:00 a.m. to

6:00 p.m., the gallery offers the work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other fine artists. In addition, handcrafts, books, gifts, digital services, and photography supplies are available. For more information, call 209/372-4413, or visit www.anseladams.com.

GALLERY EXHIBIT

June 14 - July 24

Huntington Witherall and Charolotte Watts Internationally acclaimed photographer Huntington Witherall began his photography career in 1970, having studied under such notables as Ansel Adams and Wynn Bullock. Witherall's work represents a remarkably varied approach, which have included landscapes, botanical studies, and digital imaging. Through digital imaging, Witherall has produced a body of work representing a creative and new approach to the medium. His work has been exhibited in more than seventy-five galleries around the world.

Day-Use Parking Information Station

Located in the day-use parking area, and open10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch), the station offers information about Yosemite.

Valley Wilderness Center

Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and located in Yosemite Village next to The Ansel Adams Gallery, the center offers Wilderness permits, bear canisters, maps, and guidebooks. Information on pretrip planning, minimum-impact camping, and Yosemite's wilderness are also available.



Mountain Azalea and Yosemite Falls

Photo by Nanette Oswald

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch). Designed for nature-exploring families, this center offers natural history exhibits and interactive displays. Nearby are short trails through the area's forest, river, and fen environments. Evidence of the huge 1996 rockfall from the Glacier Point cliff is visible above. The center is a short walk from shuttle stop #16. 🕹

Yosemite Theater Live

Help Yosemite Theater celebrate its 24th season. Shows are presented live onstage in the Visitor Center Theater. Hear historic tales of John Muir, Buffalo Soldier Elizy Boman, or feisty pioneer

Sarah Hawkins. See renowned climber Ron Kauk. as filmed by Sterling Johnson. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under and are sold in advance at any tour desk, or at the door (if available). See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times. &

LeConte Memorial Lodge

Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and located at shuttle stop #12. LeConte Memorial Lodge, Yosemite's first public visitor center, is operated by the Sierra Club and features a children's corner, library, and a variety of environmental education and evening programs. For more information, call 209/372-4542.

Hetch Hetchy



Hetch Hetchy

NPS photo by Greg Lawler

Domes and Cliffs

Look for Hetch Hetchy Dome on the north side of the reservoir and conical Kolana Rock on the south side. Kolana Rock is an active breeding area for peregrine falcons.

O'Shaughnessy Dam

When 312 foot high O'Shaughnessy Dam was dedicated in 1923, it was the largest structure on the West Coast. In spring and summer, water may pour over the spillway, creating an artificial waterfall.

Day Hiking

A short trail leads from the Hetch Hetchy Entrance to Lookout Point, which provides a sweeping view of the northwest corner of the park. Take advantage of the easy scenic trail from the dam through the granite tunnel and to Tueeulala and Wapama Falls. It's about 5 miles (8.5 km) round trip and could take up to 4 hours. The trip to Rancheria Fall is an ambitious all-day hike of about 13 miles (21 km) round

Backpacking

The Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne, Laurel Lake, Lake Vernon, Jack Main Canyon, Poopenaut Valley and Smith Peak are a few of the scenic destinations backpackers can choose from in the Hetch Hetchy region. Lake Eleanor and Kibbie Lake may also be reached from O'Shaughnessy Dam, but are more accessible from Stanislaus National Forest. Get a Wilderness permit and go! But don't forget to bring a bear canister, as bears are very active in the Hetch Hetchy area.

Yosemite Outdoor Adventures

These programs are offered for a fee, part of which is used to support other interpretation and education programs in Yosemite.

For Teachers: JUNE 16 - 18 Place-Based Learning, with master educator Terry McLaughlin

Get Lost with a Ranger with the legendary Dick Ewart JUNE 17

Get Lost with a GPS, with tech navigator Jeff Duesing JUNE 19

Biological Illustration with artist Dov Bock JUNE 17 - 18

Granite Rock Café: JUNE 17 - 22

A Couples Gourmet Backpack, with Mark and Nancy Aspery

For Teachers: Watershed Education with Terry McLaughlin JUNE 23 - 25 Introduction to Fly-fishing with angler Tim Hutchins JUNE 23 - 25

Hetch Hetchy: Yosemite's Other Valley JUNE 24

with the masterful Fred Fisher

Mountain Birding with author Michael Ross JUNE 24 - 25

For details, call the Yosemite Association at 209/379-2321, or visit www.yosemite.org, or check at the Valley Visitor Center.

Yes, It's Worth the Drive!

Sheer cliffs, lofty domes, and two of Yosemite's most beautiful waterfalls await visitors to Hetchy Hetchy, one of the least-traveled spots in the park. Famous for an environmental battle fought by John Muir, the Hetch Hetchy Valley was dammed more than 80 years ago to impound the Tuolumne River. Much of the area's natural splendor, and its solitude, remain. The drive from Yosemite Valley takes under two hours.

Waterfalls

Tueeulala (TWEE-lala) and Wapama Falls both drop more than 1,000 feet from cliffs on the north side of the reservoir. It's easy to see and photograph the two together. Late spring is the best time to view them, since Tueeulala Fall dries up in early summer.



Indicates facilities accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. Short, steep inclines may be encountered.

Scheduled **Events**

Free Art Classes

The Yosemite Art Center offers free classes in various art media to adults and highly interested teens Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.* Classes are held outside, weather permitting. Sign up in advance at the Yosemite Art Center, next to the Village Store.



June 12 - 17 **Sonja Hamilton** Watercolor

June 19 - 24

Linda Mitchell Watercolor

*Students provide their own supplies, which are available for purchase at the center.

Programs printed in color are especially for children and their families.

DNC = DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, Inc.

AAG = The Ansel Adams Gallery

AAC = American Alpine Club

= Sierra Club

= Yosemite Association

= Yosemite Fund

= Programs offered for a fee



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During the summer season, a sign language interpreter is available for deaf

and hard-of-hearing visitors. **Contact the Deaf Services** Coordinator at 209/372-0296 (voice/TTY), or the Valley Visitor Center 209/372-4726 (TTY) for information or to request an interpreter. Advance notice of 14 days is requested. Requests on shorter modated.

MONDAY SUNDAY June 18 & 25

3:00pm Ranger Walk—Bears

1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)

6:45pm WEE WILD ONES

45 min.

Stories & activities for kids 6 and under Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) &

7:00pm OPEN HOUSE

(June 25 only) 2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge Shuttle stop #12 (SC)

7:30pm OLD FASHION CAMPFIRE &

SING-A-LONG 11/2 hrs. Near Curry Village

Tickets/info at any lodge tour desk \$ (DNC)

8:00pm Yosemite Theater - LIVE Sgt. Elizy Boman in Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1904 11/2 hrs. Visitor Center Theater

Tickets at any tour desk or door \$ (DNC) &

The Mail Must Go Through! **Postal Delivery in Yosemite**

(June 18 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge Shuttle stop #12 (SC)

8:30pm Film - Ansel Adams

1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater Check venue listings for any time changes (AAG) &

Evening Program

Yosemite Valley

1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater Check local postings for topic (DNC) & June 19 & 26

3:00pm Ranger Walk—Rivers and Waterfalls 11/2 hrs. Front of Yosemite Sentinel Bridge

Shuttle stop #11 (NPS)

6:45pm WEE WILD ONES

45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 and under Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater

7:30pm OLD FASHION CAMPFIRE &

11/2 hrs. Near Curry Village

Tickets/info at any lodge tour desk \$ (DNC)

8:00pm Yosemite Theater

Return to Balance: A Climber's **Journey**

(June 19 only) 1½ hrs. Visitor Center Theater

Tickets at any tour desk or at door \$ (DNC) &

Yosemite Theater – LIVE Sgt. Elizy Boman in Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1904

(June 26 only) 1½ hrs. Visitor Center Theater Tickets at any tour desk or at door \$ (DNC) &

8:30pm Evening Programs

1 hr. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater Check local postings for topic (DNC) &

Evening Program

1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater Check local postings for topic (DNC/NPS) & June 20 & 27

9:00am EXPLORE YOSEMITE FAMILY **PROGRAM**

(June 27th only)

3 hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater Tickets/information at any tour desk \$ (DNC)

3:00pm Ranger Walk-Bears 11/2 hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)

6:45pm WEE WILD ONES

45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under

Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) & 8:00pm Yosemite Theater - LIVE

Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a Fourth Marriage, Stories of a Pioneer Woman 11/2 hrs. Visitor Center Theater

Tickets at any tour desk or at door \$ (DNC) &

8:30pm **Evening Program**

1 hr. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater Check local postings for topic (DNC/NPS) &

Evening Program

1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater Check local postings for topic. (DNC) &

9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE

VALLEY

1-11/2 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk \$ (DNC)

11:00am - 3:00 nm

Horse-Drawn Stage Rides

10 min. Purchase tickets from Stage Driver near Covered Bridge, Pioneer Yosemite History Center

\$3/adult, \$2/children ages 3-12 (NPS)

9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER WAWONA 1-11/2 hrs. Meet at Wawona Hotel

Tickets/info at any tour desk \$ (DNC)

10:00am Ranger Walk — The Role of Fire

1 hr. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS) 5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite

4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer

Tom Bopp Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC)

2:00pm Ranger Walk

2 hrs. Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area

on Glacier Point Road (NPS)

7:45pm Sunset Talk

1/2 hr. Glacier Point railing (NPS)

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1:00pm Hike to the Hidden Illiluoette Falls

31/2 hrs. Moderately difficult Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop (NPS)

Glacier Point

W E D N E S D A YJune 14 & 21 THURSDAY **FRIDAY** June 16 & 23 **SATURDAY** June 17 & 24 June 15 & 22 7:30pm OLD FASHION CAMPFIRE & 4:00pm CHILDREN'S STORYTIME 3:00pm Ranger Walk—Geology 3:00pm Ranger Walk—Yosemite's Legacy 11/2 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor 11/2 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor ¹/₂ hr. Nature stories for children 7 and Center (NPS) Center (NPS) (June 16 only) under (must be accompanied by an adult) 11/2 hrs. Near Curry Village Front of The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) & 6:45pm WEE WILD ONES 7:30pm OLD FASHION CAMPFIRE & Tickets/info at any lodge tour desk \$ (DNC) 6:45pm WEE WILD ONES 45 min. **SING-A-LONG** 8:00pm Yosemite Theater - LIVE Stories and activities for kids 6 and under 11/2 hrs. Near Curry Village 45 min. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater Tickets/info at any lodge tour desk \$ (DNC) Spirit of John Muir Stories and activities for kids 6 and under 1¹/₂ hrs. Visitor Center Theater Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater 8:00pm Yosemite Theater - LIVE Tickets at any tour desk or at door (DNC) & **Conversations with a Tramp** 7:30pm OLD FASHION CAMPFIRE & \$ (DNC) & 11/2 hrs. Visitor Center Theater 7:30pm OLD FASHION CAMPFIRE & **LeConte Memorial Lodge** 11/2 hrs. Near Curry Village Tickets at any tour desk or at door **SING-A-LONG** June 16: ALONG THE JOHN MUIR 11/2 hrs. Near Curry Village Tickets/info at any lodge tour desk \$ (DNC) \$ (DNC) & Tickets/info at any lodge tour desk \$ (DNC) 8:00pm Yosemite Theater - LIVE 8:30pm Evening Program June 23: Sacred Ground: Great Myths Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls 8:00pm LeConte Memorial Lodge of Yosemite Fourth Marriage, Stories of a Pioneer Amphitheater June 17: ACROSS THE RANGE: 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge Check local postings for topic (DNC) & **SEQUOIAS TO MT. WHITNEY** Shuttle stop #12 (SC) 11/2 hrs. Visitor Center Theater June 24: **John Muir At Home Evening Program** Tickets at any tour desk or at door 8:30pm **Evening Program** 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater \$ (DNC) & 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Shuttle stop #12 (SC) Check local postings for topic (DNC) & Amphitheater 8:30pm Rock Climbing Program (DNC) & Check local postings for topic (DNC) & 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls 8:30pm Evening Program **Evening Program** Amphitheater 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater Check local postings for topic (AAC) & Check local postings for topic (DNC) & Check local postings for topic (DNC) & **Evening Program Evening Program** 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Check local postings for topic (DNC/NPS) & Amphitheater 9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE Check local postings for topic (DNC) & **VALLEY** $1-1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk \$ (DNC) 5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 11:00am - 3:00 pm 5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 11:00am - 3:00 pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer 4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC) Tom Bopp. Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC) 10 min. Purchase tickets from Stage Driver 10 min. Purchase tickets from Stage Driver near Covered Bridge, Pioneer Yosemite near Covered Bridge, Pioneer Yosemite History Center History Center \$3/adult, \$2/children ages 3-12 (NPS) \$3/adult, \$2/children ages 3-12 (NPS) 5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer 4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC) Tom Bopp. Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC) 2:00pm Ranger Wildflower Walk to **McGurk Meadow** (June 24 only) 2 hrs. Meet at phone booth at Bridalveil Campground, or at campground entrance

Glacier Point

Ranger Walks

Join a ranger for a walk to discover Yosemite's unique, tucked-away places. See a pioneer cabin near a beautiful meadow, explore the red fir forest in the Canadian life zone, or hike to a seldom-seen waterfall

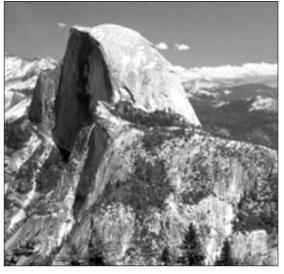
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Evening Programs

Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening shadows in Yosemite Valley and the alpenglow on the Sierra high country, or come for the sunset and stay for the moonrise.

See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

Illustration by Lawrence Ormsby



Half Dome from Glacier Point

NPS Photo

Wawona & Mariposa Grove



Take a stage ride in Wawona.

Photo by John Hawksworth

Wawona Information Station at Hill's Studio

Open daily 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch), the station offers information about park activities, Wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona Store parking area and follow the path up the hill. For more information call 209/375-9531

Pioneer Yosemite History Center

Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. Explore Yosemite's history and learn how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world. The center is always open, and interpretive signs and brochures are available.

EXPERIENCE HORSE-DRAWN TRAVEL

Travel into history by taking a 10-minute stage ride. Tickets may be purchased from the stage driver, at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. \$3 adults, \$2 children ages 3-12.

To Get to Mariposa Grove

Allow 1¹/₄ hours driving time to the Mariposa Grove from Yosemite Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the parking area in the grove, but several giant sequoias can be seen from there. Information about access for the disabled is available at the tram boarding area. The access road to the Grove may close intermittently due to limited parking. Trailers are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road. Private vehicles longer than 23 feet may not use

this road during the hours of shuttle operation (see below).

FREE MARIPOSA GROVE & WAWONA SHUTTLE BUS

A shuttle bus stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the bus. Shuttles operate beginning at 9:00 a.m., and the last shuttle leaves the grove at 6:00 p.m., or after the last tour. Please use this free bus service to help reduce congestion and parking delays.

DISTANCE	&	ELEVATION

DESTINATION	DISTANCE FROM TRAILHEAD	ELEVATION GAIN
Grizzly Giant	0.8 mile /1.3km	400ft / 122m
Grove Museum	2.1 miles /3.5km	800ft / 292m
Fallen Tunnel Tre	e 2.5 miles /4.0km	1,000ft / 305m
Wawona Point	3.0 miles /4.8km	1,200ft / 438m

Walking through the Grove

Trails into the grove extend uphill from the trail-head at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the California Tree provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations are available at the trailhead in Spanish, German, French, and Japanese.

Mariposa Grove Museum

Hours vary. Call 209/375-9531 for information. Located in the upper part of the Mariposa Grove, the museum offers displays on giant sequoias and a store with books, maps, and information.

Big Oak Flat & Sequoia Groves

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We're Interested . . .

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Big Oak Flat Information Station *Open Weekends*

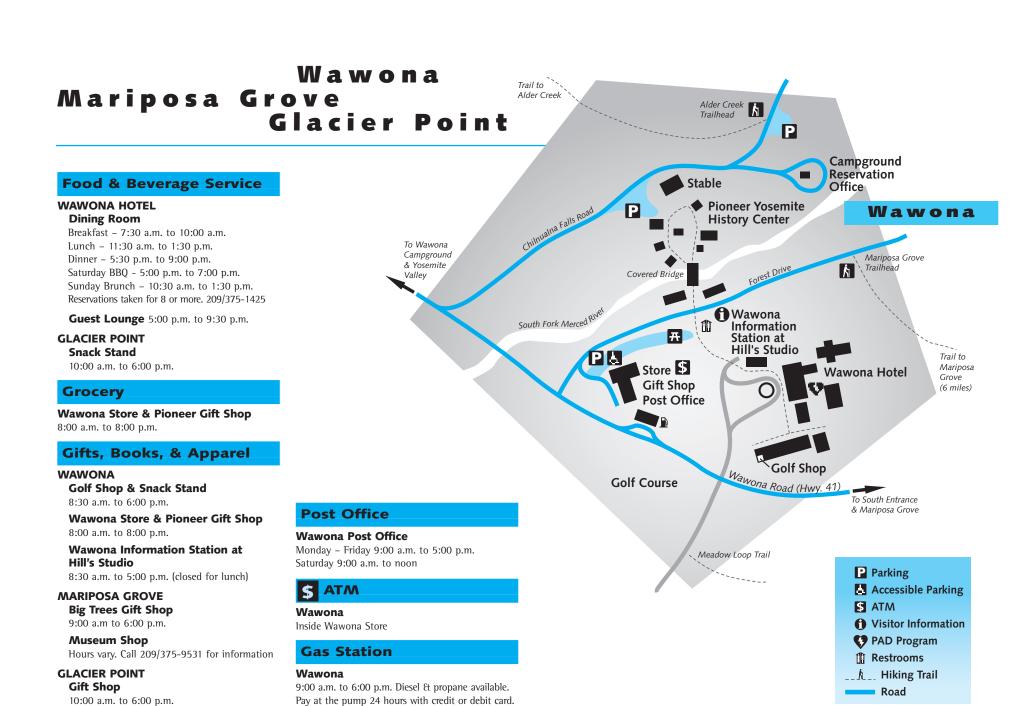
Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch), the center offers Wilderness permits, bear canister rental, and information about backpacking in Yosemite.

Merced Grove

Yosemite's quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of about 20 trees accessible only on foot. It's a 4-mile round-trip hike (about 3 hours) into the grove from Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located 3.5 miles north of Crane Flat and 4.5 miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance, the trailhead is marked by a post labeled B-10 and a road sign.

Tuolumne Grove

This cluster of about 25 sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of Big Oak Flat and Tioga roads. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the grove. Now closed to cars, this path drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill return. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.



Tuolumne Meadows

Tioga Road Still Under Snow

All services are closed pending snow removal from Tioga Road. Campground and service reopening process will begin upon opening of Tioga Road.

A heavy snowpack left from the winter of 2005-2006 has delayed the opening of Tioga Road. Snow-removal crews began work near Crane Flat on May 1. During road clearing, they have encountered snow depths averaging 10 feet, submerged trees up to three feet in diameter, and many rocks in the snowpack. Several factors can make opening the road a labor-intensive and difficult process:

- 26 potential avalanche zones, including Olmsted Point, which requires charcoal application and blasting to make it passable and safe for workers
- Heavy snowpack
- Fallen trees, which can damage equipment and halt operations
- Rock slides buried by snow, which can damage equipment and halt operations
- Snowstorms during road-opening operations, which require diverting equipment to other areas of the park
- Road repairs, plus ditching and brushing operations, once the snow is cleared







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General Park Information

Emergency 911

Fire - Police - Medical Emergency: Dial 911, 24 hours a day (from hotel room 9-911)

Information

Road, Weather, and **General Park Information** 209/372-0200 www.nps.gov/yose **Campground Reservations** 800/436-7275 reservations.nps.gov

Medical

Yosemite Medical Clinic

Emergency care: 24 hours daily Drop-in and urgent care: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

Located on Ahwahnee Drive in Yosemite Valley, the clinic provides routine and emergency medical care, 24-hour paramedic/ambulance services, limited pharmacy, lab, x-ray, physical therapy, and Mountain Crisis Services for victims of domestic violence. 209/372-4637

PAD Program

Yosemite's Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Program is designed to protect park visitors and staff from sudden cardiac arrest. All automated external defibrillator (AED) cabinets have been placed in high visitor-use locations and are open and accessible to anyone in the event of a medical emergency. For more information about the PAD Program, contact the Yosemite Medical

AEDs can be found at the following locations: Village Store (Yosemite Village); registration desks at Yosemite Lodge at the Falls, Curry Village, The Ahwahnee, and Wawona Hotel; Crane Flat Store; Badger Pass Lodge (winter); and Glacier Point (summer).

Dental Services

Adjacent to Medical Clinic. For hours, call 209/372-4200. If no answer, call 209/372-4637.

& Accessible Services

The Yosemite Accessibility Guide is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at www.nps.gov/yose/access.

TTYs are available inside The Ahwahnee and Yosemite Lodge at the Falls, and outside the Valley Visitor Center and Curry Village front desk.

A few accessible parking spaces are available just west of the Valley Visitor Center. To reach these parking spaces, enter the Valley on Southside Drive, and go west (left) on Sentinel Drive. Turn left on Northside Drive, and follow the blue-and-white accessibility signs. Turn right on Village Drive. Stay on Village Drive until reaching the DO NOT ENTER sign marking the shuttle-bus route, and then turn left. Accessible parking spaces are on the right side of the road.

Accommodations

For advance reservations or information (rooms or activities), call 559/252-4848, or visit www.YosemitePark.com. For availability on day of arrival, check at any front desk.

Bear Canister Rental

Canisters are available for \$5 per trip at the Valley Wilderness Center, the Wawona Information Station at Hill's Studio, the Wawona Store, the Big Oak Flat Information Station, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station. Canisters can be rented and returned at any of these locations.

Wilderness Permits

Anyone visiting Yosemite's Wilderness overnight must have a Wilderness permit. Permits are available at the Valley Wilderness Center, the Wawona Information Station at Hill's Studio, the Big Oak Flat Information Station, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station.

Internet Access

Internet access is available to all park visitors at Yosemite Lodge at the Falls in Yosemite Valley and at Degnan's Cafe in Yosemite Village. Both wireless (wi-fi) access (\$5.95/half-day and \$9.95/day) and kiosks (\$0.25/minute) are available.

Weather Radio

The National Weather Service broadcasts weather information for Yosemite National Park 24 hours a day on NOAA Weather Radio station KAG-94, on a frequency of 162.450 MHz. Please note that reception may not be available in remote areas of the park.

Recreation Weather permitting

YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING

SCHOOL AND GUIDE SERVICE

Yosemite Mountaineering School and Guide Service offers lessons and guided climbing at all levels, overnight backpacking, and guided day hikes to spectacular areas of Yosemite Valley and the high country.

Every week, guides lead several hikes ranging from 31/2 to 6 hours to beautiful Yosemite Valley destinations.

Curry Village 209/372-8344 8:30 a.m to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Classes meet at 8:30 a.m.

BICYCLE RENTALS

Daily, weather permitting, with hourly and daily rates. Baby-joggers, wheelchairs, and six-speed bikes with trailers. Bikes must be returned by 5:15 p.m.

Yosemite Lodge Shuttle stop #8 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 209/372-1208

Curry Village Shuttle stops #13 & 21 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

TRAIL RIDES

2-hour rides depart daily, depending on conditions. Private horse boarding is available. Call for reservations.

Yosemite Valley Shuttle stop #18 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-8348

Wawona

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 209/375-6502

SWIMMING POOLS Weather permitting

Curry Village

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Yosemite Lodge 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wawona

Dawn to dusk

GOLF

Wawona Hotel Golf Course 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

9-hole, par 35 course

Tours

Inquire at tour/transportation desks at the following locations:

Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Tour Desk 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Yosemite Village Tour Kiosk 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Curry Village Tour Kiosk

7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Big Trees Tour Kiosk

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **SIGHTSEEING TOURS**

Valley Floor Tour

This 26-mile, 2-hour tram tour departs several times daily from Yosemite Lodge at the Falls in Yosemite Valley. Contact any tour desk for times. Most tours are conducted by National Park Service Rangers.

Glacier Point Tour Conditions permitting This 4-hour round trip from Yosemite Valley to Glacier Point departs at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., daily from Yosemite Lodge. The Glacier Point Tour also offers a one-way ticket for adventurers to hike back down to Yosemite Valley.

Big Trees Tram Tour Conditions permitting Trams run every day in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias for a 1-hour tour through the lower and upper groves. The first tram is at 9:00 a.m. and the last tram is at 5:00 p.m. Call 209/375-1621 for information.

Grand Tour Conditions permitting This 8-hour combination of Big Trees and Glacier Point tours departs at 8:45 a.m. daily from Yosemite Lodge at the Falls.



Explore the Night Sky

One of the great advantages of visiting Yosemite is seeing the park's very dark night sky. Celestial features not visible in many urban areas can be seen here. During the month of June, look for Saturn, Mars, and Mercury in the western twilight. Jupiter is bright in the south at dusk.

June 17 This evening at twilight, look for Saturn and Mars low in the west. They will appear close, separated by less than a finger's width. Saturn is the brighter of the two planets. Also, Mercury appears far to their lower right.

June 21 7:26 a.m. Summer solstice begins

June 22 At dawn, look at the east for a view of Venus shining below the crescent moon.

General Services

\$ ATM

Yosemite Village

South of Village Store (Bank of America) Inside Village Store

Yosemite Lodge

Inside main registration area

Curry Village Inside gift/grocery store

Wawona

Inside Wawona Store

El Portal

On Hwy. 140 at Yosemite View Lodge and the El Portal Market

Miscellaneous

Babysitting

Limited babysitting is available for registered guests at Yosemite Lodge and The Ahwahnee. Call front desk or concierge in advance for more information.

Kennel

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Located at the stable in Yosemite Valley. Dogs must be gentle, over 10 pounds, with proof of shots and license required. 209/372-8348

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Ranger-led tram tour

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Service Organizations

Al-Anon 7:00 p.m. Wednesday DNC General Office Building (Executive Conference Room) Yosemite Village

Alcoholics Anonymous

7:30 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday DNC General Office Building (Employee Training Center) Yosemite Village

Lions Club

Meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at noon, The Ahwahnee. Call 209/372-4475 for information.

Rotary International

Meets Thursdays for lunch at noon in The Ahwahnee Mural Room. Visiting Rotarian families and guests welcome. For meeting reservations or information, call 209/372-8459.

Religious Services

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

(Nondenominational Christian) Pastor Brent Moore 209/372-4831 Various Bible Studies during the week. Counseling provided. Call pastor for appointment.

Worship Service/Yosemite Valley Chapel

Sunday 9:15 a.m. (Children's Church and Nursery available) Sunday 6:30 p.m. (no child care) Thursday 7:00 p.m. (no child care)

Campground Worship Services

Lower Pines (Yosemite Valley), Wawona, Tuolumne Meadows* 9:00 a.m. Sunday

* Will begin when campground opens for season.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Rev. Raymond J. Duffy 209/372-4729

Mass in Yosemite Valley Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Theater

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Saturday 7:30 p.m. Mass in Wawona

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Wawona Community Center

Ron Skelton 209/379-2307 El Portal Chapel/Worship Service Sunday 9:00 a.m.

CROSSWAY CHURCH (Christian Protestant) Pastor Steve Hughes 209/379-2428 Curry Village Community Center

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. **EL PORTAL COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Pastor Russ Marsh 209/379-2255 El Portal Chapel

Worship Service Sunday 10:30 a.m. Small Group Study Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

Coordinators Ray & Edie DeFehr 209/586-4325 Yosemite Valley at Lower River Amphitheater, across bridge from Housekeeping Camp or three tenths of mile North of Stoneman Bridge.

Music Saturday 9:45 a.m. Sabbath School Saturday 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Saturday 11:00 a.m. Potluck Picnic Saturday 12:30 p.m.